



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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MAY 23 2006

Jimmy Thompson

Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562

RE: MUR 5689
IBEW Local Union 429
IBEW Local Union 429 COPE Fund

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on November 23, 2005, concerning IBEW Local Union 429 and IBEW Local Union 429 COPE Fund. On May 11, 2006, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint and found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and information provided by IBEW Local Union 429, there is no reason to believe IBEW Local Union 429 or IBEW Local Union 429 COPE Fund violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 433 and 434 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), by failing to register and report as a political committee.

At the same time, the Commission found that there was reason to believe IBEW Local Union 429 and IBEW Local Union 429 COPE Fund violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(2)(B) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.6(c)(4) and 102.8(b) of the Act by failing to timely transmit contributions. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to take no further action and closed the file. Nevertheless, the Commission admonished IBEW Local Union 429 and IBEW Local Union 429 COPE Fund that contributions received by a collecting agent must be transferred to the separate segregated fund within 10 or 30 days, depending on the amount of the contributions.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elena Paoli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elena" and last name "Paoli" clearly distinguishable.

Elena Paoli
Attorney

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

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